

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
June 1, 2005

**I.
Call to Order
and Roll Call**

Chair Ranker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Abelardo, Lee, Lind, and Mohsin
Alternates present were Commissioners Fang, Queenan, and Villegas
Absent: Commissioners Cook, Iloreta, Luna, and Pham

**II.
Seating of
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Fang, Queenan, and Villegas

**III.
Pledge of
Allegiance**

Commissioner Abelardo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.
Approval of
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Lind, Mohsin

Ayes: 8

**V.
Approval of
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 4, 2005.

M/S: Mohsin, Abelardo

Ayes: 8

**VI.
Announcements**

Staff announced that there will not be a July CAC meeting.

**VII.
Citizens' Forum**

Chair Ranker invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda.

Mayor Esteves thanked the Commission for their hard work and for being a very active Commission. He announced the Commissioners that moved up (Commissioner Lind, Queenan, and Fang). He welcomed the new Alternate 3 and 4 Commissioners Villegas and Choudhury.

Commissioner Abelardo congratulated the staff in charge of Beautification and Preservation. He started renovating his lawn, and while waiting for those items, he neglected the front phase of his lawn, and received a citation, which means the City is doing its job, congratulations to staff at City Hall.

**VIII.
Liaison Reports**

a. City Council

Councilmember Polanski introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief summary of the most recent City Council items. She stated that she was glad the mayor mentioned the appointments, and pleased that the mayor's appointments were accepted by the City Council. Next Tuesday, June 7th at the City Council meeting, the Council will be doing the final budget, interesting presentations relative to salary and benefits. Fire Chief Weisgerber retired on Friday, May 27th with a very nice retirement party held on Sunday evening. There is a new City Clerk, Mary Lavelle, who started on May 24th. The City Council did a note; receipt and file from the final ethics report and the City Council did not accept the CAC recommendations. The Memorial day celebration on May 30th was well done with a 21-gun salute. The Milpitas Veterans Club was honored.

IX.

New Business

a. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports

Neighborhood Preservation (Lee, Luna, Mohsin, and Queenan)

Vice-Chair Mohsin stated the subcommittee couldn't meet last month will follow up soon. They will contact the City staff to set up a meeting with BFI to move forward.

Ethics (Abelardo, Lind, and Ranker)

Chair Ranker stated that there is no longer an ethics subcommittee. He asked if the final report from the ethics panel been submitted. Councilmember Polanski stated that the panel did meet to brainstorm and it is still in progress. Chair Ranker asked if there was still an outstanding issue. Councilmember Polanski stated that at the last Council meeting four members were present, two of the four, saw no need to have the final ethics report because it was a waste of time and money because the Council eliminated the ethics panel.

National Night Out (Lee)

Commissioner Lee stated that the event would be on Thursday, August 4, 2005. This year Target is a sponsor. Commissioner Queenan asked if the Fire Department would be participating. Commissioner Lee said yes it would be coordinated through Sergeant Max Nobida. Chair Ranker asked if food was provided at the last event. Commissioner Lee stated that it was a potluck. There will be suggestion cards for residents to fill out. Commissioner Lind stated from the last meeting the CAC would contact Max to include the suggestion cards in the packet. Chair Ranker asked Commissioner Lee if he was the only member on this subcommittee. Commissioner Queenan volunteered to be on the National Night Out subcommittee.

XI.

Old Business

a. 2005 CAC Work Plan Progress.

1. Associations Meeting.

Staff stated that in the past it has been written up for an outreach meeting, getting input for topics could be put on a town hall meeting agenda. Last month the CAC decided to only hold town hall meetings during election year. Staff is asking that the CAC design an outreach program to neighborhoods. Commissioner Lind suggested contacting other Commissioners, and asking the liaisons to make an announcement to their Commission. Vice-Chair Mohsin stated that he once attended an HOA meeting and it was a really organized effort.

2. Participation in City's July 4th parade.

In past years, the CAC participated in the parade as either a vehicle or walking entry. The CAC has a banner identifying who they are. Staff is recommending the CAC

establish a subcommittee to manage the process and any purchases or rentals. Commissioner Lind asked if there was a budget. Staff stated it was a very small budget. Commissioner Mohsin stated that last year they had placards that were given out. Councilmember Polanski stated it would be a good idea to pass out comment cards at the parade stating if you have a concern about the quality of life in Milpitas. She also stated to promote the Neighborhood Night Out and Neighborhood Beautification. The CAC decided to participate in the parade with Chair Ranker, Vice-Chair Mohsin, Commissioners Abelardo and Villegas volunteering. Staff will contact the Commissioners not at tonight's meeting to see if they would like to participate.

3. Neighborhood Beautification Awards.

Zulema Maggi, Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, gave a presentation on the NBO process and asked the CAC to form a subcommittee for this year's participation in the process. Commissioner Queenan asked staff what kind of prize is given. Staff stated in the past, it has been a \$100 dollar gift certificate from Home Depot it depends on the budget. Staff stated that if a nomination is not received for a category, staff would nominate a home to fit all categories. Commissioner Lind stated that from their discussion last month, the CAC would look within their own neighborhoods for nominations. Staff stated that the current requirements do not exclude nominations from CAC members. Commissioner Lind asked how the Awards program is being advertised. Staff stated that it is advertised in the Milpitas Post, Cable, City Newsletter, and City events. Staff stated that 3 Commissioners are needed this year for the subcommittee. They are Vice-Chair Mohsin, Commissioners Abelardo and Queenan.

4. Review City Calendar Format.

Staff stated at the last meeting, the CAC requested a presentation from Samu Tiumalu, Recreation, on the City calendar format. Per Mr. Tiumalu, this item will be going forward to the City Council on June 10th, the calendar could be in a very different format, could be handled by some firm. Councilmember Polanski stated that at the June 7th Council meeting, part of the budget, and the recommendation from the Recreation Department was to dissolve the calendar and possibly find a way to provide dates to the Post, and work with them and also to work with the Chamber of Commerce. It is very possible the budget for the City calendar will be eliminated so there will be no City calendar.

XII.

Adjournment

Chair Ranker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the August 3, 2005 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Andrade, Recording Secretary